

2018 Current Fiscal Year Report: Industry Trade Advisory Committee on Forest Products, Building Materials, Construction, and Nonferrous Metals

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Commerce

2. Fiscal Year

2018

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Industry Trade Advisory Committee on Forest Products, Building Materials, Construction, and Nonferrous Metals

3b. GSA Committee No.

2633

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

Yes

5. Current Charter

02/14/2018

6. Expected Renewal Date

02/14/2022

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

8c. Actual Term Date

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

No

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority

P.L. 93-618

13. Effective Date

03/27/1975

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee Other Committee

16a. Total Number of Reports

1

16b. Report Date Report Title

09/27/2018

Statutory Report on the Free Trade Agreement with Mexico

Number of Committee Reports Listed: 1

17a. Open 0 17b. Closed 4 17c. Partially Closed 0 Other Activities 0 17d. Total 4 Meetings and Dates

Purpose

Start

End

The Committee members met to be briefed and provide advice on the following issues, including The Lacey Act, the China Ban on Imported Solid Waste, the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) 2.0 Renegotiations, Free Trade Agreement Implementation Issues, the China Section 301, the United States-Korea Free Trade Agreement (KORUS) Renegotiation, activities within the Office of Materials Industries at the United States Department of Commerce, Conflict Minerals, the Executive Order on a Federal Strategy to Ensure Secure and Reliable Supplies of Critical Minerals, International Metal Study Group Activities, the status of the Presidential Executive Order on Buy American and Hire American, Section 232 Investigations on the Effect of Imports of Steel and Aluminum on U.S. National Security, activities within the ITA Enforcement & Compliance Office, National Emission Standard for Formaldehyde in Composite Wood Products, and Illegal Logging Initiatives. The Chairman then adjourned the meeting. 05/23/2018 - 05/23/2018

The Committee met to deliberate on a draft statutory report on the free trade agreement with Mexico. 09/19/2018 - 09/19/2018

The Committee met to deliberate on a draft statutory report on the free trade agreement with Mexico. 09/24/2018 - 09/24/2018

The Committee finalized and adopted its statutory report on the trade agreement with Mexico; to be forwarded to the Secretary of Commerce and the USTR. 09/25/2018 - 09/25/2018

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 4

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$57,325.00	\$58,000.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18d. Total	\$57,325.00	\$58,000.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.35	0.35

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The Committee performs its functions and duties and prepare reports, as may be required by Section 135 of the Trade Act, with respect to the industry trade advisory committees. The Committee advises the Secretary and USTR on trade matters referred to in section 135(a)(1) of the Act, and is consulted regarding the matters referred to in section 135(a)(2) of the Act. The Committee provides detailed policy and technical advice, information, and recommendations to the Secretary and USTR regarding trade barriers, negotiation of trade agreements under section 2103 of the Bipartisan Trade Promotion Authority Act of 2002.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

Members shall be selected on a clear, standardized basis, in accordance with applicable Department of Commerce guidance, the principal criterion for selection being ability to carry out the objectives of this Committee as set forth in Section 3 of the Charter. Secondary selection criteria are ensuring that the Committee is balanced in terms of

points of view, commodity coverage, demographics, geography, and company size.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

Estimated Number of Meetings per Year - 4 - 6

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

This Committee is essential to carry out the Secretary and USTR's responsibilities under section 135(c)(2) of the 1974 Trade Act, as delegated by E.O. 11846 of March 27, 1975. There is no other Committee that can perform the duties of this Committee.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

The Industry Trade Advisory Committees were established by the Trade Act of 1974 and in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA). Subsection 135(f) of the Trade Act provides that the ITACs shall be exempt from the provisions of the FACA relating to open meetings, public notice, public participation, and public availability of documents when it is determined that the proceedings would, if disclosed, seriously compromise the Government's negotiating objectives or bargaining positions regarding trade policy matters. ITAC meetings routinely involve these kinds of discussions. The United States Trade Representative evaluates each meeting agenda and issues a Notice of Determination when it is necessary to close meetings.

21. Remarks

Subcommittees, or their equivalents, are authorized to be formed under the terms of the Committees' charters, which were issued pursuant to Subsection 135 (f) of the Trade Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-618) as amended, and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463). Because subcommittees, or their equivalents, do not report out independently but through the parent Committee, the costs are included under the parent Committee.

Designated Federal Officer

Salim M. Bhabhrawala Senior Trade Specialist

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Arnett, John	02/28/2018	02/14/2022	Legal Advisor, Representing Copper & Brass Fabricators, Inc.	Representative Member
Brummer, Michael	02/28/2018	02/14/2022	Consultant, Fitzpatrick & Weller, Inc.	Representative Member
Cole, Dana	02/28/2018	02/14/2022	Hardwood Federation	Representative Member
Elias, Edward	02/28/2018	02/14/2022	APA-The Engineered Wood Association	Representative Member

Gary, Jesse	02/28/2018	02/14/2022	Century Aluminum Company	Representative Member
Glowinski, Robert	02/28/2018	02/14/2022	American Wood Council	Representative Member
Goodman, Michael	02/28/2018	02/14/2022	Metallurgical Products Company	Representative Member
Handelsman, Jacob	02/28/2018	02/14/2022	American Forest and Paper Association	Representative Member
Henderson, Jeffrey	02/28/2018	02/14/2022	Aluminum Extruders Council	Representative Member
Hingle, Gerard	02/28/2018	02/14/2022	Consultant, Representing Southern Forest Products Association	Representative Member
Johnson, Pamela	09/14/2018	02/14/2022	Georgia-Pacific, LLC	Representative Member
Kretschmann, David	02/28/2018	02/14/2022	American Lumber Standard Committee, Inc.	Representative Member
Letko, Stephen	02/28/2018	02/14/2022	Wellbend Corporation	Representative Member
Mann, Mary	02/28/2018	02/14/2022	International Paper	Representative Member
McClendon, Brent	09/14/2018	02/14/2022	National Wooden Pallet & Container Association	Representative Member
Perry, Renee	09/14/2018	02/14/2022	Fluor Corporation	Representative Member
Pickard, Daniel	02/28/2018	02/14/2022	Consultant, Representing Diamond Sawblades Manufacturers Coalition	Representative Member
Pickard, Joseph	02/28/2018	02/14/2022	Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries, Inc.	Representative Member
Portnoy, William	02/28/2018	02/14/2022	Buffalo Armory	Representative Member
Reiss, Michael	02/28/2018	02/14/2022	Consultant, International Precious Metals Institute	Representative Member
Sedor, Paul	02/28/2018	02/14/2022	Metal Powder Industries Federation	Representative Member
Shime, Veronika	02/28/2018	02/14/2022	National Mining Association	Representative Member
Squires, Cindy	02/28/2018	02/14/2022	International Wood Products Association	Representative Member
Webb, Larry	02/28/2018	02/14/2022	Quemetco Metals Limited, Ltd.	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 24

Narrative Description

The Committee advises the Secretary and the USTR concerning the trade matters referred to in section 135(a)(1) of the Act, and is consulted regarding the matters referred to in section 135(a)(2) of the Act. In particular, the Committee provides detailed policy and technical advice, information, and recommendations to the Secretary and the USTR regarding trade barriers, negotiation of trade agreements under section 2103 of the Bipartisan Trade Promotion Authority Act of 2002, and implementation of existing trade agreements affecting its sector; and performs such other advisory functions relevant to U.S. trade policy as may be requested by the Secretary and the USTR or their designees.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

- | | |
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| Improvements to health or safety | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Trust in government | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Major policy changes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Advance in scientific research | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Effective grant making | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Improved service delivery | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Increased customer satisfaction | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Outcome Comments

Not Applicable

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

- | | |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| None | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Unable to Determine | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Under \$100,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$100,000 - \$500,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$500,001 - \$1,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Over \$10,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Cost Savings Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Cost Savings Comments

Not Applicable

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

1

Number of Recommendations Comments

Average number of recommendations are 2-3. The number is for the 2018-2022 charter term.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

No measureable calculation. Committee members that give advice to U.S. trade negotiators, typically do not receive feedback from negotiators regarding how their advice has been applied or utilized within the various bi-lateral and multi-lateral trade negotiations.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

No measureable calculation. Committee members that give advice to U.S. trade negotiators, typically do not receive feedback from negotiators regarding how their advice has been applied or utilized within the various bi-lateral and multi-lateral trade negotiations.

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

Most feedback is rendered orally during meetings; when written advice is sent to the Secretary of Commerce and the USTR, or their designees, it is reviewed by Secretary's policy staff and tasked to appropriate ITA unit to prepare draft response. Commerce internal procedures require that all responses for Secretarial signature (and/or joint signature with USTR) go through a concurrence process which ensures that the appropriate level Commerce officials are seeing the advice and have a chance for comment. All formal responses must be cleared by the Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade prior to Secretary's signature, which ensures that ITAC advice is weighed and considered.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

Not Applicable

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

Not Applicable

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Access Comments

Not Applicable